

In the Claims:

1 1. (currently amended) A seat of a child-care instrument
2 provided with a seat plate and a backrest plate which can
3 be reclined, comprising:

4 a lapping plate integrally having a seat surface
5 portion facing said seat plate and a back surface portion
6 facing said backrest plate, wherein

7 said seat plate and said backrest plate each have
8 first openings penetrating ~~in the~~ through a respective
9 thickness direction, thereof,

10 said lapping plate has second openings penetrating
11 ~~in the~~ through a thickness direction, thereof, in [[its]]
12 the seat surface portion and the back surface portion, and
13 [[it]] is provided such that [[it]] said lapping plate can
14 be displaced between a first position in which positions of
15 said first and second openings are aligned and a second
16 position in which positions of said first and second
17 openings are shifted, and

18 a plurality of hinge portions extending in [[the]] a
19 width direction of said lapping plate are provided so as to
20 be spaced in a longitudinal the vertical direction of said
21 lapping plate, in a corner region connecting the seat
22 surface portion and the back surface portion of said
23 lapping plate.

1 2. (original) The seat of the child-care instrument according
2 to claim 1, wherein said plural hinge portions are formed
3 of thinned portions reduced in thickness of the lapping
4 plate.

1 3. (original) The seat of the child-care instrument according
2 to claim 2, wherein said thinned portion is formed by
3 cutting in a back surface of said lapping plate.

1 4. (original) The seat of the child-care instrument according
2 to claim 1, wherein said lapping plate is provided such
3 that it can be slid along said seat plate and said backrest
4 plate.

[RESPONSE CONTINUES ON NEXT PAGE]